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as legendary
officer
retires



City, Hannahville enter into pact

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

And the winner is the Hannahville Tribe.

Romulus officials made that pronouncement last week when they told a crowd of city employees, journalists and residents that the tribe would open the first western Wayne County casino.

Mayor Alan Lambert said the deal would pave the way for 3,300 new jobs and a stream of badly needed revenue for the city known primarily as a hub for Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

"The jobs is one of the most important things for the residents, but for us as a city, the revenue will allow us to keep offer-

ing services to our residents in difficult economic times," he said.

The news conference took place on the parcel of land at Vining Road and I-94 where the "racino" – a casino and horseracing track – will be constructed. A 200-room hotel with restaurants and stores will also be built as part of the deal.

The Hannahville Tribe is based near Escanaba, and has been working with the city for several months to outline a deal for the site, said Kenneth Meshigaud, the chairman of the Hannahville Tribe. He said Romulus is an ideal place for a casino because of the traffic provided by the airport and the willingness among residents to allow

a casino in their city.

"We feel the project has support in the community," he said.

The next step in the process is for the tribe to apply for trust status at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. If that status is granted, the Vining Road site will officially be declared a reservation separate from the city. A police force to maintain order inside the casino will be hired, and the city will not collect conventional property taxes from the casino.

But the casino will pay the city part of the profit, said Lambert. Preliminary estimates indicate that could equal about \$10-\$15 million.

State approvals will also need to be secured. That process could take a few years because of

the state apprehension to approving a casino on land that is not already part of a reservation.

Lambert said his number one priority for the dollars generated by the casino would be tax relief for citizens, who pay only 10 mills for the city, but 37 for the schools.

"I think we all need some help with this," he said. "We've got some people losing their homes because they haven't been able to keep up with the taxes. We're going to try to help the schools out, and we think they will be open to that."

Lambert said a key component of the Hannahville agreement is that the tribe has agreed

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Casino to be policed by tribe

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Staff Writer

Policing could change in Romulus once a casino is operating in the city, according to officials familiar with the deal signed by the city and the Hannahville Indian Tribe last week.

The most likely scenario for keeping law and order at the casino would be something known as "interjurisdictional" policing, where a tribal agency would work with an established municipal agency, said Mayor Alan Lambert.

"There would be a tribal police department that would take care of things inside the casino, and would then call us if they needed assistance," he said.

Interjurisdictional policing is common at most Indian casinos in Michigan. Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant has an on-site department that works with the Mt. Pleasant Police Department only when it needs assistance, said Romulus Det. Lt. John Leacher.

"We would envision something like that, but it's too soon to tell," he said.

A tribal policing agency would not be the only independent department operating in Romulus – the Detroit Metropolitan Airport also has an independent agency.

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Good sports

Mayor Alan R. Lambert presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Romulus Middle School Bulldogs Football Team for their milestone achievement of 100 wins. The certificate was presented at the regular city council meeting Oct. 24. The Bulldogs have the best record for middle school football in Southeastern Michigan – they have not allowed another team to score in the last five games they've played. Pictured here (left to right) are: Assistant Coach Dennis Carter, Assistant Coach Tom Williams, Head Coach Thom Patterson, Lambert and Assistant Coach Michael Jones. The Bulldogs have also launched a web featuring photos and statistics of past and present players at www.rmsbulldogfootball.com.

Developer donates park land to city

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A recently donated piece of land might become a new city park after members of Romulus City Council voted to accept the parcel from a local company Monday night.

Elro Corp., a developer with strong ties to the city, donated a vacant 5-acre parcel located near the new recreation center site near Wayne and Northline roads. The piece of land is described as

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Mayor Alan Lambert

tion, said Mayor Alan Lambert.

"I think the best idea would be to place some park benches there, and it could be a nice new park," he said. "It could be a place people go to enjoy themselves, and we need more parks anyway."

Richard Schoenherr, the owner of Elro Corp., said the land was initially purchased for the construction of a Rudgate mobile home complex, but the company

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Oooooh scary Spooktacular planned at Wayne County Fairgrounds

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Something "spooktacular" is coming to the Wayne County Fairgrounds this weekend just in time for Halloween.

The Wayne County Fair and the Western Wayne 4H Club will begin the first Family Fun Spooktacular event tomorrow during the Halloween weekend. The event will include a petting zoo, a car show, a demolition derby, a silent auction, food and other haunting activities.

The event, located off the I-94 Service Drive on Quirk Road at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, will be open from 4:30-10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 4:30-9 p.m. on Sunday.

The Halloween happening offers something for everyone, according to Mary Zellner, organizer of the event.

"It started off as just a car show, but then escalated from there into this extraordinary event," she said.

Zellner said the atmosphere and daily events are something for the whole family to enjoy including: haunted hayrides, haunted barns, contests, raffles, trick-or-treating and more.

On Saturday, car enthusiasts

and visitors can watch classic cars from noon to 5 p.m. along with the demolition derby/figure eight performance. Awards—Belleville Mayor's Choice, People's Choice and 4H's Choice—will be given to three lucky winners. Dash plaques will also be awarded to the first 50 people to register for the car show. Registration will take place from noon to 1 p.m., judging will take place from 1-3 p.m. and trophies will be awarded from 4-5 p.m.

Haunted hayrides will be open from 5 p.m. until close. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and \$2 for children 5 and under.

The haunted barns, regular hayrides, petting zoo, trick-or-treating in costumes, coloring contest, pumpkin rolling contests and raffles will take place daily.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children under 5 are free. All the funds generated will go toward the basic operation needs of the fairgrounds, Zellner said.

"The fairgrounds, like many other organizations, is having difficulty right now so we're trying to raise as much as we can to help them out," she said. "It's really a joint effort to help the fairgrounds with their financial issues."

For more information about the Spooktacular event, call the fairgrounds at 734-697-7002.

Club seeking 'Young Careerist'

The Belleville Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Club is looking for a young careerist who will be recognized at their January meeting.

The Virginia Allan Young Careerist program recognizes the accomplishments of successful women or men while helping gain the confidence and skills necessary to further their careers.

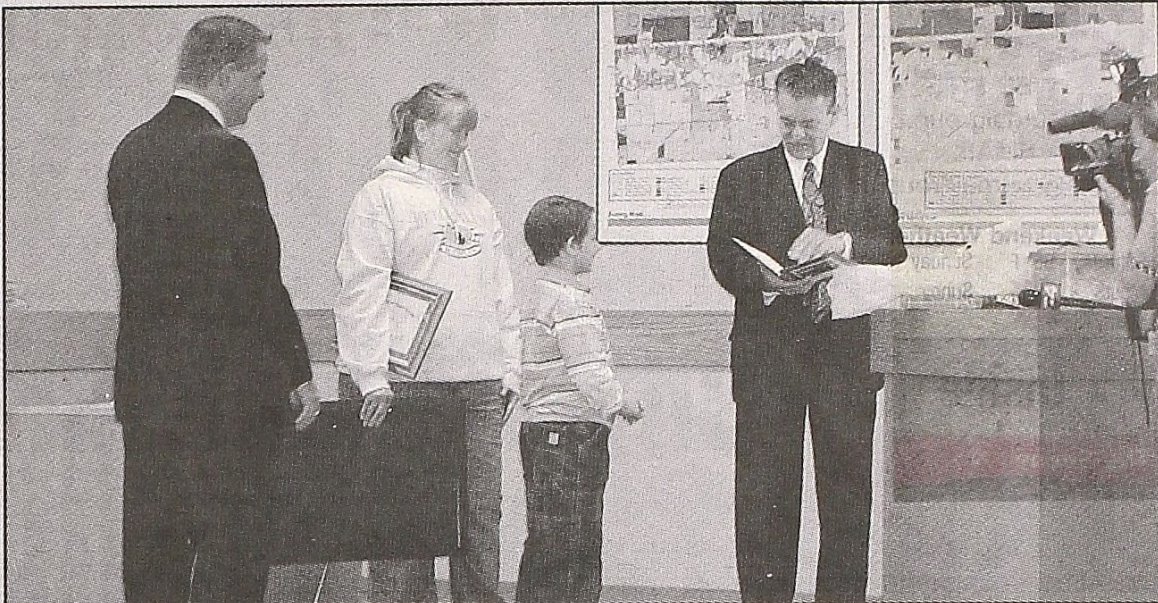
Since 1964, the program has included a competitive selection process within the BPW area organizations, district regions and 53 state federations resulting in the selection of a young careerist to represent each state federation at the annual conference. The winner of the national competi-

tion will serve as the National Representative for BPW U.S.A.

To participate in the program, candidates must be between the ages 21 and 35 years old, have been employed with at least one full-time work experience in his or her career area and support goals and objectives of the BPW.

Young careerists benefit from networking opportunities, opportunities for personal and professional development and opportunities to learn about the issues of concern to working women, educational programs and visibility, according to a club spokesperson.

For more information or to apply, contact Janet Millard at 734-697-7151. The deadline is Nov. 11.



Helping hand

Denver Jackson, 7, of Van Buren Township, proudly presented the Van Buren Township Fire Department with more than \$1,500 last week. That amount has brought his fundraising efforts for the fire department to a grand total of \$8,700, all while he is battling cancer. It has been Denver's goal during the past year to help his friends at the fire department purchase new equipment. He has hosted a family fun day event and sold numerous products on Ebay, including original artwork he has made. Denver has already been named an honorary firefighter. Denver said that the Van Buren fire fighters are his heroes and even wrote a book—Me and My Heroes—that he gave to the department as well. Denver also presented them with a picture he painted of the firefighters from Sept. 11. The picture was auctioned off on Ebay, and later donated to the fire department where it will be displayed in the new fire station.

Rezoning request denied by board

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Residents who opposed the planned Saratoga development in Van Buren Township can now rest easy. The board of trustees denied a rezoning request for the proposed residential development last week.

After hearing recommendations from the township planning commission, the trustees unanimously voted down the request.

General Motors Corp. and Ecorse-Belleville LLC wanted to rezone about 377 acres of land bounded by Belleville, Van Born, Beck and Ecorse roads. They were working with Diversified Developers of West Bloomfield on the 1,600 home Saratoga project. It would have transformed the property in the township from a general industrial district to a residential district.

Trustee John Herman, who also spoke for the planning commission, said he denied the request because it's a piece of property that can't be reproduced or replicated.

"Once it's zoned residential, we can't turn it back into commercial," he said. "I don't believe we

just want a bedroom community, we want some tax base. I didn't support this from the beginning, but I went along with it."

In June, trustees delayed the rezoning request to allow for a market study which would detail land uses in the Detroit area, the condition of the industrial market as a function of current and future supply and demand, competition and economic feasibility and market observations and conclusions, according to Bryce Kelley, director of planning and economic development for the township.

The study showed the site is ideally suited for intermodal/transportation/manufacturing land uses. It was neither prepared or designed to address those specific requirements and regulations of the township zoning ordinance and does not address the unique dynamics of the industrial and transportation related land uses in Van Buren Township, according to the planning commission.

"This is a large parcel of land that is not zoned for a residential area," said Herman. "There's been two studies done and it did not include anything on residential uses. If it did, you would find that it would take longer to sell

out. This is 460-acre parcel near airports, railways, ring roads and Belleville and Michigan Avenue roads. It is unique."

Planning commissioners also felt there was no persuasive evidence that the vacant piece of property could not be used as planned or zoned. They recommended the board of trustees deny the request to amend the ordinance because the approval may permit residential land uses in an area where airport data indicates an accident risk and noise level exceed those recommended for residential comfort. It could also impact operations at Willow Run Airport, they said.

Several residents gave a loud round of applause after the Van Buren Board of Trustees voted to deny the request.

"I can't believe all this time and effort was wasted on this. Why are we wasting our taxpayers' dollars," said resident Reg Ion.

"I'm not opposed to people making money and developing something, but I am opposed to someone making my life abrupt," said resident Albert Oberdorf, who has lived in the surrounding area his entire life.

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Emergency manager retires after 21 years

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Margaret LeDuc denies the EQ Resource Recovery fire forced her into retirement.

But the first city emergency manager did say some sewing projects and the prospect of spending more time with her granddaughter did lure into retirement after 21 years working for the City of Romulus. Her final day on the job will be tomorrow.

"I just looked at things and decided it was time to go," said LeDuc, who began her career in the parks and recreation department in 1984. She joined the city after earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology, and eventually her masters, from the University of Michigan.

I worked with the fire chief, the police chief, the mayor, city hall and with Linda Norman, who helped me set up the shelters.

Margaret LeDuc

As emergency manager, LeDuc wore many hats and has a variety of responsibilities. She works closely with fire and police personnel to coordinate efforts during time of crisis and on an ongoing basis. This means planning programs that will allow all agencies to better communicate with each other, with the public, with the media and with private businesses when circumstances are prohibitive, like when the EQ

plant went up in flames in August.

LeDuc said its something she'll always remember. "I was in a very big job," she said. "I worked with the fire chief, the police chief, the mayor, city hall and with Linda Norman, who helped me set up the shelters. It helped a great deal that I had such a great team to work with. I facilitated the communications from all of these people, so

the community knew what was going on."

LeDuc said she most enjoyed the aspect of her job that led her in a different direction each day.

"It was never the same old, same old," she said. "I was never bored. I couldn't wait to see what was coming next."

She said she would miss the city. "The people I worked with here were the best," she said. "And there are so many good things that are happening here. I just heard about what the people are doing for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and I'm going to miss not being involved in it or having first-hand knowledge of it, instead of just reading about it."

Members of the city council offered a resolution to commemorate LeDuc's retirement and honored her service with the city



Margaret LeDuc

Monday night.

"I think we just don't have to accept this retirement," joked Councilwoman Debbie Romak. "I wish she would work forever."

LeDuc appreciates the kudos. "It was a wonderful job, and I'm going to miss everyone here."

Land - Schools also receive parcel

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found another place for the project.

"We're happy to give this parcel to the city," he said. "It's adjacent to where the new recreation facility will be, and maybe there can be a tie-in somehow with that."

Currently, Romulus is home to one county park and nine city parks. The city council also determined that some environmental testing should be done on the site before any plans for the property are finalized.

Elro Corp. is also currently in the process of donating a 25-acre parcel of land to the Romulus Community Schools, Schoenherr said. That property is located off Wayne Road, west of the new

Avalon Meadows subdivision. Because that portion of the property is considered wetlands, the company - or the school - would not be able to build on it.

Pending the outcome of some environmental studies, the schools will likely use the parcel to create a nature preserve where science and conservation classes could conduct experiments in a naturally-existing ecosystem.

According to schools spokesman Dick Kruse, the board will likely vote on whether to accept the land at the meeting next month.

Schoenherr said he hopes both the city and schools are able to make use of the property.

"Hopefully this will create some new avenues for them," he said.

State police investigate shooting

Andrea King
Staff Writer

A 42-year-old township resident was shot recently after he barricaded himself inside his garage located on Stratford Street in the Andover subdivision of Van Buren Township.

According to Sgt. Greg Laurain of the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, officers attempted to stop the suspect for a traffic violation on Oct. 14, but the man did not stop for the officers.

"He continued down the northeast area of the township when officers activated their emergency lights, however, the driver still refused to stop," said Laurain.

Police followed the suspect, who was reportedly driving erratically, for about a half mile through the residential district. The chase ended at the suspect's residence, where he drove his vehicle into the garage, Laurain said.

"It's a very unusual circumstance where someone does not stop for a traffic violation and then ends up at their home," said Laurain.

Officers gave loud verbal commands and a shot was fired, according to police reports. The

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Sgt. Greg Laurain

suspect was struck in the right shoulder. He was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, and was treated and later released the same day.

The officers involved were not injured.

The Michigan State Police Department was contacted and will investigate the case, along with the Van Buren Police Department.

According to police, the suspect has not yet been charged and is awaiting the results from the blood/alcohol test.

The officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation. No names have been released at this time.



New teachers

Halecreek Principal Kellie Knight introduced three new student teachers to her school this year. Laura Rivard (left) will working in Sandy Godbout's first grade class, Tabetha Waddle (center) will work with Julie Hirschert's sixth grade class, and Ellen Poitrowski (right), will work with Sarah Carter's second grade class. All three teachers are teaching at Halecreek because of the district cooperative relationship with Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Enforcement - Agreement similar to airport deal

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Romulus officials and members of the Hannahville tribe provided details of the newly-signed agreement to build a casino and 300-room hotel at a press conference last Thursday. What was not announced was how the city might finance new police officers and train them before the casino begins taking in money. Lambert said the tribe would cover any costs for new police officers.

"We made sure that was part of

the deal because it's not necessarily something that we can afford right now," he said. "You have to understand that the tribe is taking in \$300 or \$400 million a year (at casinos). I think they can afford a few more officers."

Police officials said that although there is some talk about increased crime because of the casino, there is actually very little evidence to support that contention.

"The site (where the casino is located) is too close to the freeway

for robberies and things like that," said Leacher. "It's very close to the airport - people are going to drive in and drive out."

Leacher said he wasn't sure whether the department would create a new gaming division, as Detroit did when casinos opened in 1998. Lambert said he didn't think a tremendous amount of training would be needed for new or existing officers.

The new casino will be located on a parcel of land at Vining Road and I-94, near the airport.

It is still possible for more casinos to open in Romulus. The city has had a dialogue with the Sioux Indians and the Grand Traverse Band. Each would be able to open up shop if they could get state and federal approvals.

That could be more difficult going forward. State Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Brighton) introduced a bill earlier this year that, if approved, would make it more difficult for legislatures to approve casino projects on off-reservation land.

Casino

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that the revenue it creates would go toward paying down the school millage.

OPINION

Our choices are... In Inkster

In a difficult economic time, it's hard to advocate a tax increase, anywhere.

But that's what we're doing in the City of Inkster. Voters there will be asked to approve a Headlee override on Nov. 8 and we think they should approve the request.

City Manager Joyce Parker inherited quite a mess when she was hired to her job about a year ago. She said she wants a chance to fix that mess and without this millage she won't have that opportunity.

Voters should keep in mind that it's not a significant amount of money, when broken down individually. It will essentially cost taxpayers about \$5 a month, while many groups like senior citizens won't be impacted at all.

They should also consider that city hasn't asked for this increase so they can pave the streets in gold; officials have asked for it because they have to if they are to continue to provide the same level of service to residents. They've cut everything they can cut, and need the revenue to afford what they have.

It's an important vote for Inkster residents. They should vote **yes** on the Headlee override.

In Belleville

Voters in the City of Belleville will be asked to fill two open seats on the city council, with no incumbents to choose from.

But that's OK, because there are two clear choices between the three candidates seeking office: Lori Hecksel, George Chedraue and Vera Howell.

We think **Hecksel** and **Chedraue** are the right choices.

Hecksel is a relative newcomer to the community, having moved in about three years ago. We like that, though: it gives her a fresh perspective on the city, and ensures that those who vote for her will do so based on her thoughts on the issues. We also like her professional background, with 22 years of experience in management and management training. She has a long record of restoring failing businesses to profitable operations and that kind of financial expertise will come in hand in the difficult budget years ahead. She asks good questions, too, which tells us she's interested in making good, informed decisions.

Chedraue will bring a legal perspective to the council. An attorney for 18 years, he also has extensive experience in the real estate field, as well. We think both those will help the council push for positive change in the community. He's also worked on the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals, a typically thankless job.

We also like the fact that he's lived in each of the nearby communities: Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township as well as Belleville. It gives him a sense of the bigger picture and how Belleville relates to its larger neighbors.

Like many other communities across the state, Belleville will face some difficult challenges in the years ahead. We think **Hecksel** and **Chedraue** are best suited to help the city vault those hurdles.

In Wayne and Westland

Voters in Westland will face a difficult choice this November.

A crowded field of eight candidates are seeking four seats on the city council and there are many good names to choose from: incumbents who have performed well and others who have a long track record in other areas of the community.

As we said, it'll be a difficult choice.

When we look at endorsing candidates, we try to take into consideration a number of different factors, including experience, background,

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Write-ins face tough challenge

The race for mayor of Wayne got a little more crowded last week.

Cliff Johnson, a perennial critic of the city and former supporter of mayoral candidate Dave Story, registered as a write-in candidate for the office.

Johnson is the first person to tell you that he's the only one that does anything in this town and he said he was frustrated by what he saw as a lack of action on Story's part.

It adds an interesting wrinkle to the election but, in reality, not a serious one. Absentee ballots have already gone out, many have been returned, and they typically decide the outcome of the election, anyway.

Officially, though, the campaign isn't closed. Anyone who wants to can declare themselves a write-in candidate up to the Friday before the election, but they have to go to their respective clerk's office and sign up.

I was against the law when it was put into place in the late 1990s because I thought it limited voter options. At the time I thought anyone could be a write-in candidate, why would they have to declare themselves?

But the reason behind the change was recently explained to me. It's to keep people from writing in – or at least the clerks from having to record – candidates like Donald Duck or Mickey Mouse, or vot-

ing someone into office that didn't want to serve. Before the change, those votes would have had to be sent down to the county clerk's office, too. Perhaps that factored into my dislike of the change, too – as an editor, I've endorsed cartoon characters for electoral positions where I've been otherwise been unimpressed with the candidates.

In that respect it makes sense, but it forges a difficult path for write-in candidates to follow.

That's not to say that write-in campaigns can't be successful, though. In boring, uncontested elections like in Wayne – and I'm talking about the city council race here, where only the incumbents are running, unopposed – it theoretically wouldn't take too many votes to win. Someone unsatisfied with the slate of candidates could probably round up enough friends to make it interesting, at the very least. They would just need to start a little earlier in the campaign season.

The same goes for anywhere, really. City elections in Plymouth can tend to have a low turnout, too. In Northville, with its very short campaign season, write-ins have a shot, too.

For Johnson, though, his declaration as a write-in candidate will probably go down more as a protest than anything else. But there's always next time.

Close
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Edge

by Scott Spielman

Police soap-opera saga continues

The new kid on the block may have more common sense than the old timers.

Bill Lawrence, the new Inkster personnel director, has halted a controversial police department order to restructure the police department, pending conversations with the union in early November.

It seems Lawrence – who offered no specifics about the order during a conversation last week – saw some shortcomings, or possibly some liability, connected with the plan. It would have eliminated the long-standing position of detective lieutenant in favor of keeping the newer position of road commander.

The situation came about after City Manager Joyce Parker asked city departments to make a 3 percent budget cut to balance the books for the 2006-06 fiscal year.

The plan would have bumped Det. Lt. Kevin Smith, an 11-year veteran of the department, into the role of road lieutenant or possibly detective sergeant. A slew of other command officers would also be bumped into various positions, and some would face reduced salaries because of it. The plan was approved by the city council, which did not disclose any details before approving it on Oct. 3.

Union officials decried the change and said race and retaliation against Smith, who is white,

was the motive for the new plan.

It's well known that the chief and city have been trying to install Cmdr. Gregory Hill, a black male, in the detective bureau for the past two years. Chief Marvin Winkler tried earlier to ensure Hill would be able to bid for the spot by making him the senior lieutenant under the first cost savings plan that would have eliminated the commander position. Union rules prohibited that. Under the plan that would have eliminated the commander's position, Hill would have gone back to being a road lieutenant.

Smith led an investigation into the Melody Theater and the Bookshack, two X-rated businesses the city failed to shut down for 30 years. When the businesses were closed, a \$250,000 forfeiture was collected by the department – the biggest in city history.

Since then, Smith helped create a plan to finance cars for detectives and undercover officers for the first time in six years, and another to buy new mobile phones for detectives so all seven would not have to share one when they were on call. This improved communications and saved the city thousands of dollars, not to

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by Molly Tippen

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Endorsements

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individual perspective, overall personality and how well we think the individual will represent the community. Endorsements are not about who we think will win the election, but who we think should.

In the race for mayor, incumbent **Sandra Cicirelli** is facing off against Elenor Swistak. Cicirelli deserves the vote here. She's done a remarkable job during the past four years, and has a lot of accomplishments to stand on. Consider the closure of the incinerator, the impending redevelopment of the old Cooper School site and the implementation of a city-wide prescription drug discount plan. She can't take complete credit for all of that, but she certainly deserves some of it. Perhaps the most important step the city has taken during the past four years may not be as exciting to the average citizen, but it is just as important: Westland has cut the cost of government, bolstered its fund balance and left services intact. She deserves the opportunity to continue her good work.

In the race for city council, incumbents Michael Kehrer, Cheryl Graunstadt, Charles Pickering and Bob Stottlemeyer will face off against James Davis, Normie Brazier, former

mayor Bob Thomas and Lori Brist. This is a much more difficult choice because almost all candidates are, in their own right, qualified for the job. We think Westland will find the right mix of experience and new blood with **Pickering, Kehrer, Thomas and Brist**.

Pickering has done a good job as council president, keeping meetings civil, for the most part and pushing Westland toward a positive future. He has plenty of experience on his side with virtually every level of Westland government. That experience will be just as important in the coming years as it has been in the past.

Kehrer, too, has been a positive influence on the council. We like the way he breaks down council decisions into language that the average citizen can understand. Sure, he gets a little wordy sometimes and the explanation isn't always necessary, but his willingness to provide it shows that he wants the residents to not only know what's going on, but understand why, as well. He headed up the committee to change the council procedures for citizens' comments, too, which has streamlined the meetings, restored some order and helped put Westland on the right path.

We have some concerns about **Thomas**, quite frankly. The cost of city government increased during his watch, and the city has shown a healthier bottom line since he

left the office of mayor. That being said, he was an effective administrator during his tenure. When a problem needed to be solved, he fixed it. When something needed to be done, he got it done. We think he'll provide a valuable experienced voice on the council, a good blend with the existing members and administration.

With those solid officials returning to office, the atmosphere is ripe to break in a relative newcomer to city politics. It was a tough choice, but we like **Brist** for that position. In part because her desire to promote the city and bring in more business already has a firm foundation with her day job as head of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Many of the things she wants to do for the city, she's already doing in that capacity. Brist also serves on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board and the Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) and while she can technically continue to serve there, she should think about stepping down to help pave the way for future city leaders.

Haidous in Wayne

In Wayne, the only contested election is that for the mayoral seat, where incumbent **Al Haidous** faces challenger Dave Story.

We think **Haidous** is the clear choice for the job. He's done a good job in chairing the meetings and guiding the city

in a positive direction. He always looks at the bright sides of issues and tries to resolve things with as little conflict as possible. He's a strong advocate for the city and deserves a chance to follow up on some recent successes.

Another vacancy on the city council, though, puts Wayne in an interesting position. Soon after the election, the council will discuss the best person to fill the city council seat vacated by Don Hartford. We think Story deserves consideration for that. The city council may approach the vacancy by finding someone who can get four votes from the rest of the council. In Story, though, they know they'll have someone who has already received hundreds more votes from the people. We like to see younger people get involved in politics, and while we don't think – even in a weak mayor system like Wayne's – the mayor job is an entry level position, a two-year vacancy may be the right role for Story. It'll give him a chance to establish his own record, should he want to run for the mayor spot next time around.

Both cities will face significant challenges in the future. The best people to meet them in Westland are **Cicirelli, Pickering, Kehrer, Thomas and Brist**. In Wayne, **Haidous** deserves a return to his post, but his opponent should be considered for the city council vacancy.

Plan now for Tuesday

In today's hectic society, it is often necessary to plan further and further ahead.

So here's a tip for all you harried but civic-minded people out there: pencil in a few minutes on Nov. 8 to hit the polls.

It's quick, it's easy and it's important.

Officials in Plymouth and Northville will face some important decisions in the coming months and the coming years, and the right people need to be in office to make those choices.

But the need to vote goes deeper than that. Just take a look overseas. People line up, facing serious harm, to exercise their rights and many of our fellow countrymen have died or been catastrophically injured to ensure they had those rights to begin with.

It's disconcerting in light of those facts that voter turnout is traditionally low here in the U.S., where the most serious thing many of us have to face is a busy schedule or indifference.

Turn out next Tuesday and show your support, either for your favorite candidate, your government in general or the basic civic duty that we all share.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., so there's no excuse to not make it to the precinct on time. No matter how busy you find yourself, make some time to vote on Nov. 8.

Saga

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mention a few headaches.

But Smith also recently testified in a discrimination case against Winkler and the city, which union officials also considered when they thought about the job elimination.

The jury's out on the racism allegations, but one thing is for sure: The Inkster Police Department has been run by African American men before. Neither Chief Anderson Young nor Chief William Buckley had the sort of problems Winkler has now. The strife caused among the rank and file under this administration will take years to heal.

One black patrolman in the department recently told me that neither white

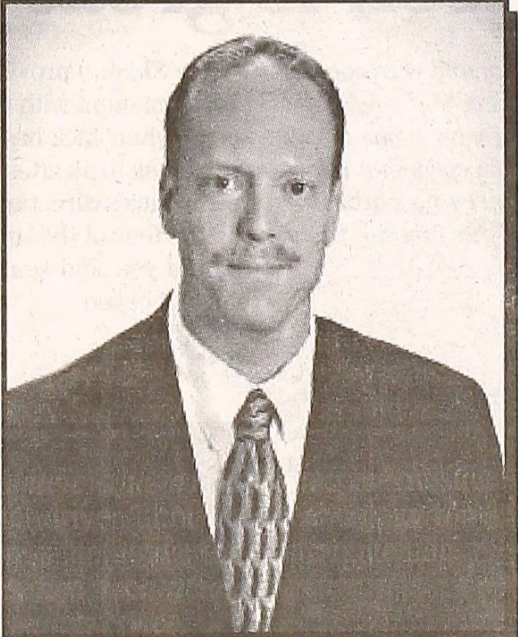
or black officers wanted this circumstance, that all officers had generally worked well in the past, and that there is little support for police leadership among officers of any ethnic background. But he only confided in me if I agreed not to use his name. He, too, is afraid of retaliation.

Lawrence, who came to the city three weeks ago, has likely caught onto this. He said he is confident these issues can be ironed out, along with labor contract issues that always seem to crop up as union negotiations begin.

He also vowed to not honor Inkster's typical three-year contract negotiation period, which has caused a lot of bad blood in the past.

Just a reminder to the council and the police administration and to the city: The most important resource you have are employees. Treat them wisely.

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THE SCENE

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK.

Actor-director George Clooney's *Good Night, and Good Luck* is probably as pertinent today as it was when the Red Scare of the 1950s was actually occurring.

The film depicts a government willing to intrude on people's beliefs because they are not in line with what politicians would like citizens to believe. There are a lot of people who feel that way today, and we'll just leave it that, and get back to recommending this engrossing and relevant film.

Good Night, and Good Luck is about legendary television journalist Edward R. Murrow's undoing of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, the man behind the Red Scare on his *See it Now* program on CBS (this show was sort of a precursor to *Meet the Press*). The film follows the behind the scenes goings-on in the newsroom where Murrow and his producer, Fred Friendly (played by Clooney himself) vow to take on the demagogue, even if it means their careers could be destroyed.

On display are nervous CBS executives, played by Jeff Daniels and Frank Langella that are worried about the fallout of the story that aims to expose blacklisting for what it was. What follows is what amounts to a smear campaign on McCarthy's part, but Murrow is able to discredit the senator in the end. And journalism is saved – or is it?

The film does a good job of showing how journalism works and what journalists must face in order to bring information to people. The film also shows what the best in journalism can accomplish, but also shows the beginning of what has been a relentless

move to meld news and entertainment in the last 50 years – by the end of the movie, Murrow is interviewing celebrities, which is beyond sad.

Filmed entirely in black and white, Clooney was smart to use old footage of McCarthy so he could essentially play himself. I had to laugh when I left the theater Saturday – I overheard a movie-goer ask her husband, "Who played McCarthy in that? He was so good!" But it's hard to imagine that anyone could play McCarthy with the sort of fervor most of us have seen in old new footage before – an actor might not have been able to project the paranoia the senator

embodied himself, and that which he created for others.

David Strathairn, who played Murrow, was the living embodiment of Murrow, and Clooney dumped his usual heartthrob persona to bring us a brooding but bombastic Friendly.

Good Night, and Good Luck is the best – and most truthful – movie made about journalism since *All The President's Men* in 1974. Both movies – for those who are wondering about the process of gathering and reporting news – should be in any moviegoer's collection.

Reviewed By
Molly Tippen
Staff Writer



Halloween is great time to enjoy 'creepy' movies

On a night as spooky and occasionally inclement as Halloween, you might not want to venture out of your home at all. Here are some classic creepers that might help you pass the time. In no particular order, they're some of our favorite fright flicks....

The Shining 1980

Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining* is probably one of the scariest films that I have ever seen, based on one of the scariest Stephen King novels I've ever read.

Jack Nicholson stars as Jack Torrance, a writer who takes a custodian job at the Overlook Hotel perched somewhere in the mountains of Colorado. He and his wife, Wendy, (Shelley Duvall) and son, Danny, (Danny Lloyd) move in as the hotel's only occupants and caretakers for the duration of the winter.

Things get creepy when a winter storm prevents the family from leaving/escaping the hotel. Danny, who apparently has some clairvoyant and telepathic powers, realizes that the hotel is haunted when he "sees dead people" and the effect they have on his father. Things take a turn for the worse when Jack encounters the ghost of former custodian Mr. Grady, who killed his wife and two children in the hotel.

The Shining provides a classic horror movie moment with the "Here's Johnny" scene when Jack bashes through a door with an ax in an attempt to kill his family.

Kubrick's direction is brilliant, allowing the fear of the unknown to creep up behind you and scare the living bejeesbers out of you.

—Jeff Novak



The Exorcist 1973

A film that has spawned one prequel, many sequels, one re-release and a plethora of mediocre voodoo-Catholicism movies, William Friedkin's 1973 classic *The Exorcist* still stands the test of time. The story, which is based on William Peter Blatty's novel of the same name,

follows the struggles of 9-year-old Regan (Linda Blair), who for unknown reasons is possessed by an evil, satanic spirit. Enter Father Karras (Jason Miller), who along with the aged priest Father Merrin (Max Von Sydow), wage war on a theological battlefield for young Regan's soul by performing an ancient procedure called an exorcism. But the demons are not only manifesting themselves physically; they are also in the hearts and minds of Merrin, Karras and Regan's mother, Chris (Ellen Burstyn), which makes the movie even more terrifying. Friedkin's use of special effects to support a story-driven premise are not dated, and the film is still shockingly effective, even 32 years after release. A word of caution: In 2000, Friedkin and Blatty re-released the film with 12 minutes of additional footage – each minute of which stymies the film's awesome power.

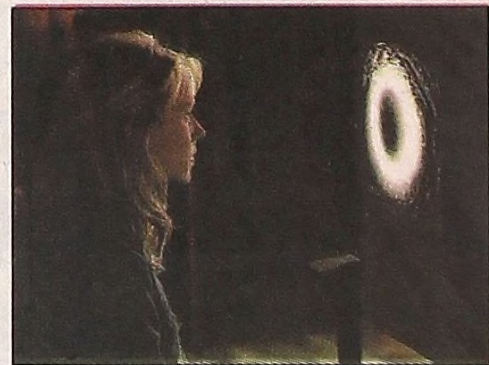
—Molly Tippen

The Lady in White 1988

It's not your traditional horror flick, but it is suitably creepy and chilling; a genuine ghost story with an emphasis on both ghost and story. Lukas Haas stars in this 1988 film as Frankie Scarletti, a boy destined to become a writer of horror stories. When pranksters lock him in his

school overnight, he is visited by a disturbing vision of a little girl being strangled, complete with an eerily haunting soundtrack – the killer whistling his favorite song. Frankie soon finds out that the town has a startling secret, and the legends of *The Lady in White*, who roams the cliffs on the nearby seashore, are not just legends, after all. Katherine Helmond and Alex Rocco also star. Rated PG-13.

—Scott Spielman



The Ring 2000

If you never believed in urban legends, you might have changed your mind after watching *The Ring*. I almost did.

The Ring, based on the novel Ringu

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Creepy

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written by Koji Suzuki, was one of the first movies to introduce Japanese filmmaking to the U.S. in a creepy and shocking way.

Naomi Watts portrays Rachel Keller, a young journalist who decides to take the case of her niece's sudden and mysterious death into her own hands after hearing rumors about how it happened. Along with the help of her son Aidan (David Dorfman) and ex-boyfriend Noah (Martin Henderson), they unveil that the death—as well as several others—was all because of watching a certain videotape; a death that takes place just seven days later.

As the investigation continues to unravel, Rachel discovers the videotape on her own after taking a trip to the alleged cabin where it was first discovered.

Immediately after watching it, she receives the phone call and is told she only has seven more days to live.

Not giving up yet though, Rachel enlists Noah for further help in the case. They soon discover the real history of the movie and the story behind Samara (Daveigh Chase), who is the young child who haunts others through the video and outside of their TV.

The Ring, which I now consider an awesomely bad scary movie, gave me nightmares for at least a couple days after I watched it until I realized it was not real. Although now that *The Ring 2* has been released, and possibly ruined the effect of the first film, *The Ring* still gives plenty of creepy outtakes odd enough to keep you intrigued. And if the movie doesn't get under your skin, the young Samara who jumps out of a TV with her long, drenched hair covering her face certainly will.

—Andrea King

Carnival of Souls (1962)

Carnival of Souls may not be the scariest movie ever filmed, but it's a cult classic that really gets under your skin.

The direction, by Herk Harvey, is standard for the most part. That's no surprise, considering it was Harvey's first try at feature filmmaking.

His day job was directing short classroom training films for the Centron Corp., such as *"How to Succeed in School"* and *Exchanging Greetings and Introductions*.

Certainly, Harvey's feature debut was a lesson in creepiness.

While not the most ambitious in terms of plot, *Carnival of Souls* is fun to watch and to be scared watching.

Candice Hilligoss plays Mary, a pretty blonde involved in a tragic car accident at the movie's beginning. It seems that only she survives—the shot of her climbing out of the water is the first of some surprisingly chilling moments—and soon she decides to leave the past behind her.

She takes a job as a church organist in Utah, but develops an unexplainable attraction to an abandoned carnival site near the church.

What makes *Carnival of Souls* work in spite of the filmmakers' inexperience? Watch and you'll see: Hilligoss' cold, quiet demeanor, the off-kilter behavior of her landlady, the chilling organ score and, of course, the souls that appear and disappear with great effect.

And watch for the scene near the end where all the town's zombie-like souls are moving together, and tell me George Romero, who would scare the nation with *Night of the Living Dead* some years later, didn't learn anything from it.

—Kevin Hill



Bubba Ho-tep 2002.

Halloween movies are often very similar—they're designed to scare you, to leave you in suspense, or, in some cases, test how strong your stomach is with scenes of horror created through state-of-the-art special effects.

Then there's *Bubba Ho-tep*.

Created with a deliberate B-movie feel, *Bubba Ho-tep* is a monster tale that doesn't take itself too seriously. It revolves around a string of deaths in a Texas nursing home, all of which officials believe are due to natural causes. But two of the residents of the facility aren't convinced—they have seen a mummy, complete with cowboy hat and boots, stalking the facility and sucking the life forces out of seniors.

They're less than compelling witnesses, however. One (Bruce Campbell) swears that he is Elvis Presley and that he traded lives with an impersonator to get a break from fame only to have the man die, killing 'the King'. The other man (Ossie Davis) is firmly convinced that he is JFK. Together, they try to banish the mummy from the home before it can claim any more lives without incurring the wrath of the nursing home staff.

The R-rated film, released by director Don Coscarelli in 2002, features a lot of crude language and situations and adolescent humor. Despite the coarseness, at the core the film is arguably so bad it's good—or at least memorable—and has become a cult favorite.

—Meghan Chatham

Haunted maze open this weekend

The corn maze at the Maybury State Park will be an even creepier place this weekend.

With help from students at Novi High School, the 12-acre attraction will be transformed into a haunted maze, according to Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation.

"The students are very excited about converting the huge maze for Halloween and have been collecting items for the maze for the past two weeks," she said.

The place will be filled with ghosts, ghouls and specters, but Peters said it will be safe for the whole family – it's a "gentle" haunting.

The trip through the maze includes a hayride to and from the maze, she said.

The maze is open from 5-9 p.m. on Fridays and from 1-9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Peters said.

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OBITUARIES

SNYDER, Calvin

Calvin M. Snyder, 76, of Romulus, died Oct. 12.

Among his survivors are his wife, Angeline (Hicks) Snyder; a daughter, Loretta (John) Clantar of Monroe; son, Kenneth J. Snyder of Newport; sisters, Belle Rose Centek of Ohio and Delores (Joseph) Caradonna of Detroit; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Pastor Frank Marin of Community Lutheran Church officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

SIMONSON, Rosemary

Rosemary Simonson, 82, of Raleigh, NC, formerly of New Boston, died Oct. 8.

Among her survivors are her son, Jonathan (Ghazaia Sadiq) Simonson of North Carolina; daughters, Jennifer (Gary) Burg of Pinckney and Jessica E. (Scott) Cohn of New York; a brother, Charles Hugo of Battle Creek, and grandchildren, Stephanie Ryalis, Zubair Simonson, Yusaf Simonson, Nathan Cohn and Justin Cohn.

Mrs. Simonson was a teacher in the Upper Peninsula from 1946 until 1956.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Father John P. Hedges of St. Stephen Catholic Church officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

SIMON, Timothy

Timothy Alan Simon, 39, of Newport, died Oct. 15.

Among his survivors are his wife of 10 years, Pamela Marie (Pinter) Simon; children, Ashley Jeanette Simon and Travis Joseph Simon; brothers, Thomas Simon of Kentucky, Daniel Simon of Lansing and Christopher Simon of Virginia; sisters,

Denise Simon of Virginia and Shelly (James) Brown of Lansing; his parents-in-law, Joseph and Joyce Pinter of Ypsilanti; a sister-in-law Patricia (Mark) Watkins of White Lake; a brother-in-law, Joseph (Kim) Pinter of Ypsilanti; 13 nieces and nephews, and his best friend, Michael West of Newport.

Mr. Simon was employed by Jacobson, Inc. of Wyandotte. He was a 1984 graduate of Lansing Eastern High School.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

MUMFORD, Margaret

Margaret Mary (Eichold) Mumford, 88, of Van Buren Township, formerly of Taylor and Melvindale, died Oct. 17.

Among her survivors is her husband, Carl Fredrick Mumford; her children, Rebecca (Granvil Benson) Eichold of Taylor and Shirley (Gary) Halverson of Florida; four step-daughters; 12 grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild, and a great-great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Mumford was a member of First United Methodist Church in Belleville for nearly 50 years. She was also a member of September Days Senior Center and a member of the Red Hat Society. She was also a former Sunday school teacher and active in the church women's group and a number of church committees.

Funeral services were at First United Methodist Church with Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.



Training wheels

The Van Buren Public School District career and vocational auto mechanic program accepted a brand new 4x4 fully loaded truck recently donated from Nissan for training classes. Rill Curie, from the Van Buren school district, said that this donation could not have been possible without the help of former student Jason Radecki, who is a technical writer for Nissan. The donation will now give the students the electronic technology that they did not have in previous cases, she said.

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 05/06-16 752 TREE STUMP CUTTER

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2005 in the Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Ballots in the November 8, 2005, General Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on **Tuesday, November 8, 2005** from 7 o'clock a.m. in the forenoon until 8 o'clock p.m. in the evening, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

Mayor
Treasurer
Clerk
City Council

Each person voting on the above must be:

- A) A citizen of the United States of America
- B) A registered elector of the City of Romulus
- C) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The Polling Places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

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2. Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
3. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
4. Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
5. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
6. Rudgate Community Building, 7040 Shawnee Dr., Romulus, MI
7. Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior Road, Romulus, MI
8. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
9. Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, MI
10. Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
11. Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, MI
12. Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
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18. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI

Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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Home town hero

35 area police departments honor retiring canine officer

Scott Spielman
Editor

It's not often that someone can retire from police work before they reach their teens – with only 10 years of experience.

But no one would begrudge Axle the laid-back lifestyle he is now afforded, lounging around his home and spending his time in a day-long pursuit of leisure activities.

Axle is not a normal police officer, of course, he's a German shepherd honored recently for his decade long career with the Wayne Police Department.

"He's set a lot of high standards for a lot of dogs that we trained here," said Ofc. Terry Foley, Axle's partner throughout his career. Foley has trained police dogs for more than 20 years. Axle was Wayne's second police dog. His successor, Cain, was recently certified and has already made an impact on the force.

At 11.5 years old, Axle has had quite a role in the department. He's handled more than 1,798 canine cases, checked more than 1,232 vehicles for narcotics, assisted in more than 120 searches and tracked more than 200 suspects for police agencies across western Wayne County.

He also assisted with about 120 search warrants, 45 locker checks

for the school district. By checking currency for narcotic residue, he's helped the department seize more than \$129,641 in drug money.

That may be why the Wayne City Council chambers went to the dogs last week, so to speak: about 35 different police dogs and their handlers were on hand to show their appreciation for a virtual legend in the field.

"It certainly surprised me," Foley said, "but I think it was also important because it shows the impact that canine officers can have beyond the city."

That impact was also felt in the community relations field, too. Axle participated in nearly 230 public and school demonstrations and was well-recognized whenever he and Foley were on patrol – no matter where they were.

"There wasn't a street we couldn't go down that the kids wouldn't come out, calling: 'Axle, Axle,'" Foley said.

Through it all, Axle was credited with 88 felony arrests and 198 misdemeanor arrests. Despite the sometimes hairy nature of his duties, he was only forced to defend himself four times.

"It's quite a considerable feat, actually," Foley said. "These dogs aren't biting machines. We use them for their noses. For them, they're everybody's buddy until I

tell them otherwise."

Axle's had a few high-profile incidents. Foley recalled one time when the pair was called into help apprehend an armed robbery suspect who was last seen driving down Merriman Road, near Michigan Avenue.

When the suspect saw their unit, he drove into the intersection and collided with a car hauler with enough force to send his vehicle into the air. It came down on fire.

"He still got out and ran into a cemetery," Foley said. Axle followed, and when he caught the suspect, the man punched him in the face. That was one of the times Axle defended himself; he then held the suspect until police took him into custody.

He's had sad tasks, too, like the time he tracked down and found a missing boy that had drowned in a detention pond. And heroic ones, like when he tracked and found an elderly Alzheimer's patient in a cove of woods in Westland, ultimately saving her life.

Foley said, though, the Axle will most likely be remembered for the things both he and the dog enjoyed most: interacting with the community.

"Everyone that came in contact with him liked him," Foley said. "They all knew and liked how friendly he was."



Axle, the legendary Wayne canine officer, has retired after 10 years on the force. Thirty five canine officers and handlers attended a Wayne City Council meeting where Axle was honored last week.

Q & A with Axle

Question: How are you enjoying your retirement?
Answer: Zzzzzzz
Translation: It's very nice, but I sometimes miss the action.

Question: Oh, what part?
Answer: Bark woof, woof (tail wagging)
Translation: Seeing the town, visiting with the children. Variety is the spice of life when it comes to ear scratchers, you know.

Question: Do you have any advice for young police dogs?
Answer: Ruff.
Translation: Be careful where you put your nose.

Question: Well, I looked over your resume and you're done some pretty impressive work.
Answer: Woof, bark bark, ruff.
Translation: Of course. My distinguished bloodline would allow for nothing less.

Question: Do you have any plans for retirement?
Answer: Aaaaarooooof.
Translation: Oh, I'll still go out and visit sometimes. I've got a few bones to work my way through, some chew toys.

Question: Some squirrels to chase?
Answer: Ruuff
Translation: Only if I have to, man, only if I have to.

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SPORTS

Wayne holds on to City Championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Not since the 1973 and 1974 seasons has the Wayne football program won back-to-back City Championships against their cross-town rivals at John Glenn.

Until now.

On Friday, neither team had much to fight for after going 2-6 during the regular season so it a boiled down to one game. One game. Each side had this one opportunity to redeem itself from less than average seasons.

The first half was a nail-biter, but Wayne put things together and pulled out a 29-13 victory for the championship on their home field.

"The old cliché: you can throw records out the door is absolutely the truth when these two teams meet—it doesn't matter," said Glenn Coach Todd Deluca. "This game is, in this district, everything. You don't know how big it is until you lose and right now

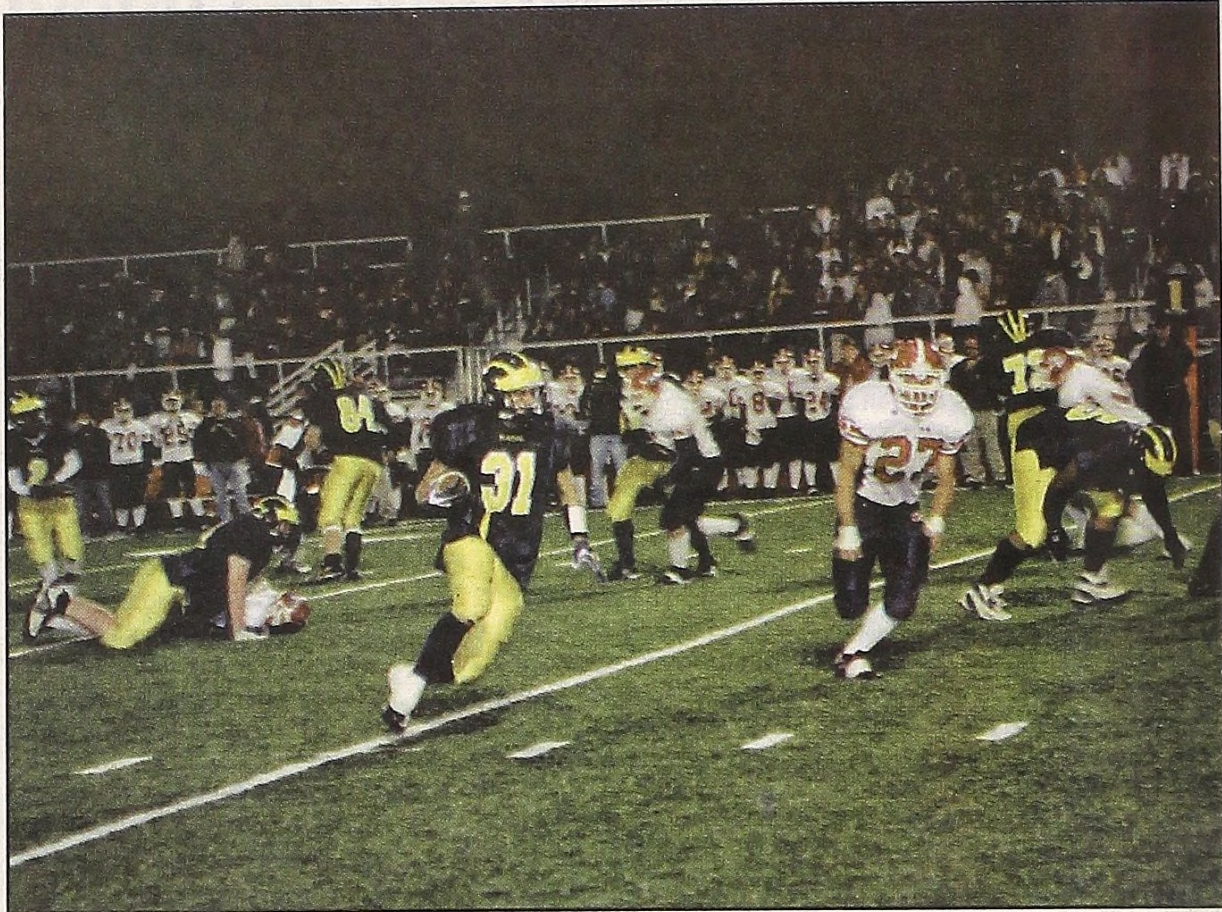
this game is huge for us."

At first John Glenn appeared to want it more. They put together a scoring drive on their second possession.

Wayne attempted a play on fourth-and-two on their 31-yard line. The Rockets recovered a bad snap on Wayne's 29. Seven plays later Glenn's Jonathan Hankins punched it in from one yard out to give the Rockets a 6-0 advantage with 5:05 left in the first quarters.

Both sides stalled out until the 3:03 mark of the second frame, when Wayne's sophomore quarterback David Freeman connected with senior tight end Daniel Miller for a nine-yard strike in the end zone. Senior Nick Gotts nailed the extra point to put the Zebras up, 7-6.

Wayne received the second half opening kick-off. Starting at their 40-yard line, they put together a six-play drive that was capped off by Gotts' field goal. The 31-yard boot extended the



Wayne's Nick Gotts rushes for a first down in the Zebras' 29-13 City Championship victory against John Glenn this past Saturday.

Zebra's lead, 10-6. On the second play of the series, senior running back Andrew Crushshon had a 29-yard run that helped get the team in range.

After Glenn went three-and-

out, the Wayne offense took over and put together another drive, nine plays this time. On a fourth-and-eight play from Glenn's 34-yard line Wayne went for it. Freeman found Gotts, who took it

in for a score, putting the Zebras up, 16-6.

Glenn wasn't down yet. Brandon Pratt answered

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Four teams battle for the Western Lakes Conference title

Canton falls to Plymouth

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There's no doubt that Plymouth's Jeanine Moise and Kim Olech are two of the Western Lake Conference's most dominant post players.

They continue to prove it one opponent at a time.

Last Thursday, cross-campus rivals Canton were the latest victims of Plymouth's inside game. The Lady Wildcats started out strong and continued that way until they put the game away for a 42-29 home victory.

Moise and Olech combined for 32 of the team's 42 points in the victory.

Canton, a good team in its own right, boasted an 11-3 overall record and a 7-1 conference record going into the game.

"We didn't do a good enough job stopping them," said Canton Coach Brian Samulski. "They're strong kids and they finish aggressively. I was more impressed with the fact that they could turn and shoot over us. They're just dominant players."

Plymouth raced to a 13-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and continued to control the second frame, outscoring Canton, 14-8, for a 27-17 lead at half time.

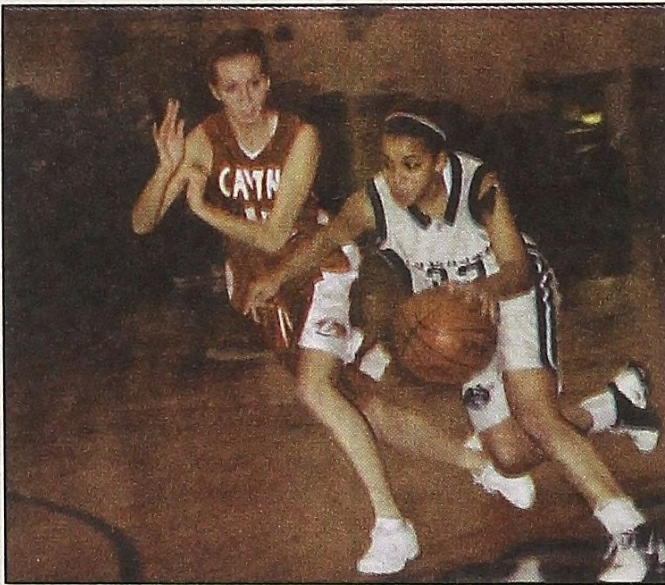
With about five minutes left in the second, Canton lost junior point guard Becci Houdek for the rest of the game due to a bad reaction to medication, according to Samulski. It was a nine-point game in favor of Plymouth at that time.

"Injuries are a part of the game," Samulski said. "Of course the ball is in her hands a lot of the time but it's a big game and we have to step up."

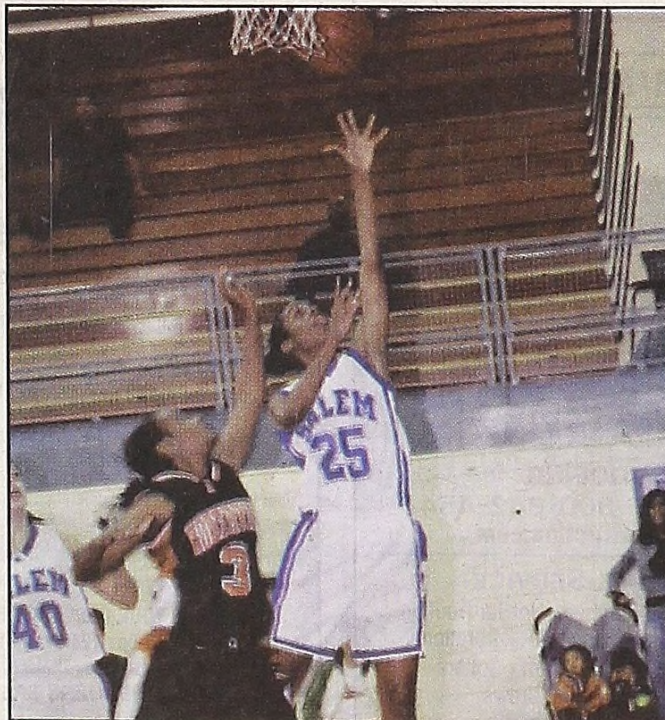
Only 10 points were scored in the third period with Plymouth coming out on top, 7-3. Canton couldn't overcome the 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter. They outscored Plymouth, 9-8, but it was too little, too late.

Samulski said Plymouth's defense limited Canton on the boards allowing few offensive rebounds for second shots.

Canton welcomed the return of senior forward Lisa Ealy, who has missed the last couple of weeks with an injury, back to the hardwood last week. She led the team



Canton's Kelsy Zemanski tries to put pressure on Plymouth's Jalesa Moise in last Thursday's meeting. Plymouth won the game, 42-29, and remain undefeated in the conference (7-0) as of last Thursday.



Salem's Taylor Langham makes a lay-up over Northville's Simone Toney in her team's 41-28 victory last Thursday.

Salem tops Northville

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

In the race to the top of the Western Lakes conference, Salem neared the summit with victories against Northville and Livonia Franklin last week.

Salem Coach Fred Thomann and his Lady Rocks trailed Plymouth by one game as of last week.

The two Western Lakes basketball behemoths met on the hardwood this past Tuesday in Plymouth but the results were not available at press time.

However, last Thursday they moved into prime position to take at least a share of the conference championship when they defeated the Northville Lady Mustangs, 41-28, in a home contest.

It was the first quarter that did it for the Lady Rocks. Salem scored 19 points in the first quarter alone, equaling Northville's point total after three periods. Junior Teresa Coppiellie scored nine of her team-leading 15 points in the first.

"They came with their press but we were able to find open players," Thomann said. "Once we got the ball to the middle of the floor we got it to our up-front players like Coppiellie, (Lauren) Kurtz or (Taylor) Langham who put it in the basket."

Langham scored 14. Coppiellie also had 10 rebounds.

"Salem was able to dissect our press pretty well in the first quarter," said Northville Coach Pete Wright. "Their big players are skilled and they were able to pass over the top of traps and get the ball reversed for some easy scores. We played them man (to man) in the second half and did a much better job keeping them in front of us. We never closed the gap."

The win brought Salem up to a 10-2 overall record and 8-1 in the Western Lakes.

Northville dropped to 7-2 in the conference—tied with Canton—and 10-5 overall.

Northville was hot off of a 25-24 victory against Canton, who was tied with Plymouth for the conference lead before the upset. Then Canton lost to Plymouth, dropping them down to third with Northville.

If Salem defeated Plymouth on Tuesday and

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SPORTS



The Zebras celebrate their victory Friday after winning the city championship for the second year straight. It was the first time Wayne has won back-to-back since the 1973 and 1974 seasons.

Champions

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Wayne's score with a 90-yard punt return for a touchdown to make it a three-point game, 16-13, with 2:12 left in the third session.

The momentum seemed to change in favor of the Rockets. On Wayne's next series they tried to punt but it was blocked and recovered by the Rockets on Wayne's 31. Glenn made it down to the 11-yard line but, on a fourth-and-one, Glenn was called on a false start, moving them back to the 16. Glenn quarterback Justin Reid hit Pratt for a first down, giving them a second chance at the 7-yard line.

Two delay of game penalties set Glenn back to the 18-yard line, forcing them to throw on third-and-goal. Wayne's Terrance Stewart picked off the pass in the end zone, saving the touchdown.

"The interception in the end zone was huge and it was compounded by the fact that there were two delay of game penalties on me," Deluca said. "That's never happened before and I

didn't think I was taking any longer than usual. I shot us in the foot twice. Down there (in the red zone) giving up 10 yards is inexcusable."

That put the ball back in the hands of Crushshon, who busted through the middle and up the sideline for a 40-yard gain. The run set up his 6-yard sprint to pay dirt, making it a 23-13 game after Gotts' extra point.

On Glenn's next turn, Stewart grabbed his second interception after Clint Cavanaugh tipped the pass. The turnover set up a drive that was capped off by a 27-yard rush by Crushshon. The extra point attempt was blocked but Wayne had a commanding 29-13 lead with about 3:00 left in the game.

Wayne then scooped up a fumbled kick-off return, which allowed them to run the clock out the rest of the way for the victory.

"We just had to come out and play like a team," Crushshon said, precious City Championship trophy in hand. "We didn't have a great season, but it was all worth it for this moment. This was our biggest game of the season and this was

the time we needed to pull together the most. It's a great feeling."

Crushshon finished the game with 213 yards on 25 carries.

"It's been a long season but, boy, what a way to end it," said Wayne Coach Craig Hnatuk. "I set my mind to getting this team ready to play this game. My staff did a great job with the game plan. This was by far the best week of practice coming into this thing and they just wanted it. I'm so proud of them and how hard they played and our execution. And we never got down. I'm just elated how we played tonight."

Freeman was 3-of-8 for 53 crucial yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for 42 yards on eight carries. Gotts rushed eight times for 58 yards.

"The sign of a good program is that they keep fighting, there's never any give-up the whole year, Hnatuk said. "They strive to get better. They listen to their coaches. Some people quit, but you know what, we kept on getting stronger."

"Like Bo Schembechler use to say: 'Those who stay will be champions.' We're city champions tonight."

Canton

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with eight points and five rebounds against Plymouth.

However, Samulski said she is only operating at about 50 percent right now and he isn't sure if she'll get time on the floor this week or not.

Olech led Plymouth with 17. The victory improved Plymouth to 13-2. They remain undefeated in the conference, 9-0.

Canton 24, Northville 25

The Lady Chiefs were in the running for the championship with an undefeated 7-0 conference record until they met up with the Lady 'Stangs last week in Northville.

In the final seconds of the game, Northville's junior Danielle Toney split a pair from the line to give her team a 25-24 victory, ending Canton's eight-game win streak.

Losing a second straight game knocked Canton out of contention for the top spot in the conference.

Against Northville, Canton turned the ball over 30 times and hit only 3-of-14 from the line.

"You can't win like that," Samulski said. "Northville's style of play forced us to do a lot of things we didn't want to do. They want you to play fast and that's what we did."

Northville's been relying on speed all season, taking advantage of forced turnovers with an average of about 20 per game. They did the same against Canton, turning them over about

25 times, according to Northville Coach Pete Wright.

But neither team appeared to find the basket too well.

"For us we didn't shoot the ball very well," Wright said. "We were able to turn them over quite a bit but could not convert the turnovers."

Canton actually led, 15-13, after three quarters but Northville's offense got going in the fourth, outscoring Canton 12-9 for the win.

With the game tied at 24, Canton had possession and headed down court but was called for a traveling violation. The infraction turned the ball over to Northville. Toney was fouled and split her shots for a 25-24 lead. Toney led the Lady 'Stangs with 12 points and four rebounds.

Ja'nee Morton led the Lady Chiefs with nine points and 12 rebounds. Houdek recorded 11 rebounds and five assists with her five points.

Both Northville and Canton hold a 7-2 conference record, tying them for third place in the conference.

Canton hosts Walled Lake Northern and Northville hosts Plymouth. Both games are scheduled for 7 p.m. today.

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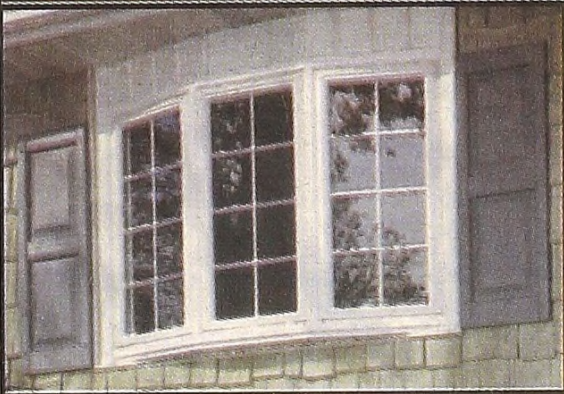
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Westland gets flag football

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

While on vacation with his family at Disney World in Orlando, Florida this past summer, Leon Carter saw something he hadn't seen here in Southeastern Michigan.

And it wasn't the seemingly eternal sunshine and warm weather or Mickey Mouse and his happy-go-lucky crew.

It was youth flag football.

The National Football League (NFL) Sport Complex at the park was hosting some games at the same time as Carter's vacation.

It got him thinking.

"I realized that there wasn't anything like this back in Michigan," he said.

So when he returned home he met up with two friends of his, Richard White and Vic Barra, and they decided to form the Michigan Athletic Youth Association or, as they like to call it, MAYA.

The non-profit organization now boasts four flag football teams in two different age groups since its inception in August, including the undefeated (3-0) 9-11 year-old Cowboys team.

All three of the founders are also directors of the organization.

Barra, who runs the Wayne-

Ford Civic League, helped negotiate the field use for MAYA. Now MAYA and the Wayne-Ford Civic League host youth flag football games starting at 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

"It started out with just me, Richard and Vic," Carter said. "Then some great parents started helping and it evolved into what it is now."

MAYA has two 6-8 year-old teams, the Raiders and Cowboys, and two 9-11 year-old groups that go by the same names. Players come from all over Southeast Michigan, including the Wayne and Westland areas, Canton and Livonia.

Carter said there are no residency requirements and they will take anyone who wants to play.

MAYA used the NFL FLAG Football organization to get things organized. They use the NFL FLAG Football designated rules and procedures for their league. And if any of the teams win the state championship they will have the opportunity to go to Orlando and play in the NFL national championship tournament.

Teams consist of 10 players, of which only five take to the field at a time. The field is shorter—only 50 yards with two 10-yard deep



Jordan Heaslip, 7, of the 6-8 year-old Raiders makes a run against the Cowboys in a scrimmage flag football game. Michigan Athletic Youth Association (MAYA) director Richard White coaches the team.

end zones. The offensive team starts from their 5-yard line and plays for a first down at midfield and a touchdown in the end zone. Running and passing plays are allowed. However, there are "no-running zones" at midfield and near each goal line.

The defense team covers receivers, rushes the passer and grabs the flags from opposing players' belts to make "tackles."

White said the games are fun and exciting for the kids and the parents enjoy it because there's little chance of injury.

"Flag football is non-contact, which the parents love," he said. "This really gives the kids a chance to learn the fundamentals of the game of football."

Steve Stauch, father of 11-year-old Cowboy Steven Stauch,

agrees with White.

"Steven really wanted to play football," he said, "but I wanted him to learn the basic fundamentals of the game first."

Some parents, like Michelle McNaughton, tried other places for her son, John, to play football but couldn't find anything. John is a nine-year old on the undefeated Cowboys team.

"He really wanted to play football but was too small for the city team," she said. "I looked everywhere and he wanted to play so bad. One of the other parents told me about the flag football league so I signed him up. He didn't want to play at first but now he loves it. It's been really good for him."

Steven Stauch sums it up best: "I like it a lot," he said. "It's

fun."

The season will wrap up on Saturday, Oct. 29. Then teams will compete at the Warren Recreation Center on November 5-6 for the state championship.

Carter said that they also plan to start a spring session with possibly a mid-May to early-June start with a 10-week registration period tentatively set for March 1.

The cost is \$75 per player but Carter said the cost could down but will definitely not go up. He also said there is already a waiting list. Businesses and individuals can sponsor a team for \$600 and the league is looking for coaches and referees.

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Belleville struggles, Romulus flourishes in rivalry game

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Belleville's struggles on the gridiron continued as Romulus finally found a rhythm they could win to this past Friday night in Belleville.

There were three wins total between the two teams coming into the rivalry match up. Belleville was 2-6 and Romulus was 1-7 but that didn't stop either team from showing up to play a tough game. The Eagles set the pace

immediately on their first possession with a nine-play drive that was finished off by a one-yard touchdown run by sophomore quarterback Larry Horne. Jacob Eggers made the extra point to give Romulus a 7-0 lead. Belleville tied it at 7 in the

third quarter but Romulus regained the lead, 13-7, shortly after. The Tigers weren't out of it yet. At the end of the quarter they scored again to earn a one-point lead, 14-3. However, the fourth quarter

belonged to the Eagles. Their defense made some big plays and the offense scored twice more to end the season with a win. For the complete story visit our web site at: www.journal-group.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Public Safety Deputy Director Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-one (31).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda as amended moving "Correspondence" following the approval of the "Agenda". Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A presentation by Willow Run Airport Director Sean Brosnan on development concepts to update Willow Run Airport Master Plan.

Director Champagne and Deputy Director Smolen presented Denver Jackson, a local youth who has been battling leukemia with a certificate of appreciation for his donations to the Fire Department. Last year the Van Buren Fire Department helped fulfill Denver's Make a Wish Foundation request by attending his birthday party. Denver wanted to thank the Fire Department and the Make a Wish Foundation and has his own website www.DenverJ.com where his artwork may be purchased with proceeds going to these groups. Denver presented the Fire Department with one of his drawings, a book authored by Denver and another donation making his total contribution to date \$8,700.

A letter from a resident thanking the Community Services-Parks Department for the improvements made to French Landing Park.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Downriver Community Conference located at 15100 Northline Road in Southgate. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

The Van Buren Township WalMart store donated \$2,000 to the Fire Department.

Director Champagne reminded residents to use caution when using alternative heating sources during the upcoming winter months when heating their homes.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of October 3, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2005 as presented. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to deny the request to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone parcels of land listed in Exhibit A, generally bonded on the south by Ecorse Road, the north by Van Born Road and the Norfolk Southern rail road right of way, Beck Road to the west and Belleville Road to the east, per the facts and findings of the Planning Commission in its action of April 27, 2005 and the letter from the Township's Planning Consultants, dated April 22, 2005 specifically noting the following: 1) Approval of this amendment, in light of the magnitude of the land area may encourage other zoning amendments contrary to the Master Plan. This application proposes a change to 2.4 percent of the total land area of the Township and 5.8 percent of the remaining vacant land. 2) The request is contrary to the Township Master Plan. 3) The amendment would permit residential land uses in areas where airport approach and landing crash data indicate an accident risk and noise levels exceed those recommended for residential comfort. Non-residential land uses would greatly mitigate these real impacts. 4) Existing uses, zoning and development patterns to the north, northeast, west and southwest are industrial and airport related land uses and are not compatible with the requested residential land uses. 5) The requested amendment is not consistent with Wayne County's Aerotropolis (sic Airport City Plan) and will not support Willow Run Airport as an economic generator. 6) No persuasive evidence has been presented that the property cannot be used as planned and zoned. The Township has other vacant land in equal or greater amounts planned and/or zoned for the purposed uses. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hart, Payne, Rochowiak, Budd, Jahr, Herman and King. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-32 the Belleville Animal Hospital storm water maintenance agreement [and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement]. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to deny the request to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, by rezoning parcel of land know as V125-83-094-01-0212-009 and V125-83-094-01-0212-004, approximately 1.32 acres in area, from R-1C (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (General Business), based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission as a result of their facts and findings notably: 1) The proposed C-1 zoning is not consistent with the Master Plan which designates the subject site and large tracts of adjacent land areas fro single-family res-

idential uses. 2) Uses permitted within the C-1 district are traffic intensive and will have a detrimental effect on surrounding residential uses because of the central location of the subject parcel within a residential area. 3) Although the subject site is close to an interstate freeway, the surrounding parcels predominately zoned for residential use and freeway serves as a separation between intensive commercial and non-single residential land uses to the north of the freeway, and single-family residential uses to the south of the freeway. 4) The existing conditions at the Haggerty Road/I-94 South Service Drive intersection are hazardous based on Township Public Safety data and the proposed rezoning will permit traffic intensive commercial uses. Increased traffic in the area will threaten the public health, safety and welfare. And the Township's Planning Consultant letter dated September 9, 2005. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Rochowiak, Herman, Budd, Jahr, Hart and King. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the combination of parcels V125-83-018-01-0063-000 (Lot 63, Denton Homes Subdivision), V125-83-018-01-0064-000 (Lots 64 and 65, Denton Homes Subdivision), V125-83-018-01-0080-000 (Lot 80, Denton Homes Subdivision) V125-83-018-01-0081-000 (Lot 81, Denton Homes Subdivision), V125-83-018-01-0082-000 (Lot 82, Denton Homes Subdivision) in accordance with the Parcel Division Board memorandum dated October 4, 2005, specifically noting items one through six. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the 2005-2006 Library Budget as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to accept with regret the resignation from Joe Roberts and to approve the appointment of Bob Thorne to the Public Safety Committee with a term to expire July 30, 2007. Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the reappointments of Chuck Covington and Ted Smolinski to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2008. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-33 Cemetery Rate Schedule. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve Proclamation 2005-34 Make a Senior Smile Day for October 22, 2005. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the October 18, 2005 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the September 2005 Budgetary and August 2005 Public Safety Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Recreation Department is offering the following programs and events. The "Haunted Forest" will be held Friday and Saturday nights during the month of October from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park. The "Annual Trick or Treat" at the Township Hall will be held Thursday, October 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

On Thursday, October 27th the Belleville High School Band will hold three Halloween Concerts at Belleville High School Auditorium.

On Wednesday, November 9th the Belleville Professional Women will be hosting their annual Fashion Show at the Woodlands of Van Buren.

Garden Fantasy is honoring Breast Awareness month and with the purchase of a special arrangement will donate \$2 to Breast Cancer.

A member of Citizens to Help Improve Public Safety (CHIPS) read a Press Release announcing the formation of an Advisory Committee to advise CHIPS on Public Safety Issues.

On Monday, October 24th the Citizens to Help Improve Public Safety (CHIPS) and the 100 Club will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Beck Road.

A resident thanked the Board of Trustees and Director Kelley for taking the time to thoroughly investigate the rezoning issue on a large parcel of land which was denied.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Publish: October 27, 2005

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1. Obituaries

DENNIS (Fowler), Tannia L. of Kent, Washington, passed away on October 18, 2005. Tannia grew up in Inkster and graduated from Taylor Center H.S. in 1981. Among her survivors are her children; son Tyrone Fowler Jr., daughter Tameika Fowler; mother Bunice (Whitehead) Orange; sister Yolanda (Dennis) Green; and aunts, uncles and cousins. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hamilton Burch Funeral Home, 140 Park St., Eastman, GA 31023. Services will be held on Friday, Oct. 28, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in Georgia.

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60 Misc. boxes/bags
12 Hand tools
1 Power tool
20 Other misc. items

Unit 203B-James Finch
16 Misc. boxes/bags
4 Toys
1 Recreational equip.
4 Other misc. items

Unit 934-Angela R. Scott
5 Misc. small appliances, 2 TVs,
5 Hand tools
4 Household furnishings
6 Misc. household goods
30 Misc. boxes/bags
2 Recreation equip.
12 Other misc. items

Unit 844-Thomas Boyd
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8 Misc. household goods
15 Misc. boxes/bags
8 Hand tools
2 Lawn care equip.
6 Other misc. items

Unit 225-Latoya Jones
1 Household furnishings
4 Office equipment
2 Other misc. items
1 Piano

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On NOVEMBER 1, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 300 S. Newburgh, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1989 Toyota Corolla
4 Dr Blue
JT2AE92E9K3242282

1990 Dodge Caravan
StWgn Gray
1B4GK54R1LX191063

1988 Nissan Sentra
2 Dr Red
1N4PB22S3JC770251

1996 Saturn SL-1
4 Dr Black
1G8ZG528XTZ162618

1987 Acura Legend
4 Dr Gray
JH4KA2656HC014143

1987 Pontiac Fiero
2 Dr Silver
1G2PE11RXHP215296

1989 Chevy S-10
PU TRK Black
1GCCS14R4K2198630

1991 Ford Probe
2 Dr Black

1ZVPT22L8M5118571

1986 Ford S-10
PU TRK Blue
1FDDE14N6GHC31524

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1992 Ford Crown Vic
4 Dr Maroon
2FALP74W9NX195045

1992 Pontiac
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1GMDU06L9NT201145

1995 Pontiac Grand Am
4 Dr Red
1G2NE55D9SC760997

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PU TRK Blue
1B7FL23XXNS518330

1996 Chevy Blazer
ST WGN Red
1GNDT13W3T2135343

1985 Buick Electra
4 Dr Blue
1G4CW693XF1493082

1983 Ford F-150
PU TRK Black
1FTEF14F1DLA29598

1998 Merc-Benz ML-320
4 Dr Gray
4JGAB54E7W001694

1992 Ford Aerostar
Van Green
1FMDA31X1NZB50368

1989 Dodge Shadow
4 Dr Black
1B3CP48J0KN578748

1992 GMC Safari
Van Blue
1GKDM15Z9NB540420

1989 Ford Escort
2 Dr Tan
1FAPP9192KW348531

1996 Pontiac Grand Am
4 Dr White
1G2NW52M9TC844482

1994 Ford Escort
4 Dr Black
1FARP14J1RW293595

1998 Mercury Sable
4 Dr White
1MEFM50U2WG625898

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734-729-1710

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Unit #201 & 220
Owner-Lisa King
Contents-Furniture, Freezer, misc. boxes

Unit #410
Owner-David Wood
Contents-2 TVs, Furniture, washer, Misc. boxes

Unit #522
Owner-Jamie Zarzecki
Contents-Tools, grill, Computer, washer, Misc. boxes

Unit #627
Owner-Ralonda Wiggins
Contents-Bedset, TV, Cabinet, misc. boxes

Unit #825
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